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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: EDUCATION IN
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (02.12)

REFERENCE: MOSCOW 5809, STATE 122420

1. IN PREPARATION FOR COSTLE VISIT AND MID-YEAR REVIEW
MEETINGS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY INFORM KAZAKOV THAT
OCCASION OF REVIEW WOULD PERMIT FURTHER EXPLORATION OF WHAT
USSR HAS IN MIND IN PROPOSING BILATERAL COOPERATION ON EDU-
CATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. IF, IN FACT, TRAINING
OF SPECIALISTS IS OBJECTIVE, THIS MIGHT BEST BE EXPLORED
UNDER EACH OF SUBSTANTIVE PROJECTS IN WHICH ADDITIONAL
EXPERTISE NEEDED. IF, HOWEVER, OBJECTIVE IS TO INJECT
ENVIRONMENT THEME INTO PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND UNIVERSITY
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CURRICULA, THAT WOULD BE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTER.

2. CONVENING OF UNESCO CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDU-
CATION IN TBILISI THIS FALL OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER
MULTILATERAL EFFORT IN CONTEXT OF UNITED NATIONS INTEREST
THROUGH UNESCO AND UNEP IN THIS SUBJECT. IN PRINCIPLE, US
WOULD BE INCLINED TO VIEW SYMPATHETICALLY SUCH GLOBAL

EFFORTS, BUT COULD ENVISAGE HIGHLY USEFUL US AND USSR INPUTS
BASED ON NATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL

EDUCATION. HOW A SEPARATE US-USSR BILATERAL MIGHT HELP IN
THIS REGARD COULD BE EXPLORED WITH SOVIETS.

3. DEPARTMENT'S POSITION CONTINUES TO BE AS REFLECTED IN
PARA 1, REF B, PENDING AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL DETAILS
OF SOVIET PROPOSAL AND RESULTS OF TBILISI CONFERENCE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 21 TO
DR. YURIY YE. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET: "DEAR YURIY: SINCE
RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 19 ON THE SUBJECT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OTHER US
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE WHAT POSITION WE
MIGHT TAKE UNDER THE US-USSR BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN ORDER
TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN AS A RESULT
OF THE UNESCO CONFERENCE IN TBILISI THIS FALL.

AT PRESENT, THE CONSENSUS IS THAT WE SHOULD NOT DEFINE
A BILATERAL PROJECT UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE TBILISI CON-
FERENCE HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AND A UNIFORM POSITION ADOPTED
BY THE US ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN WORK TO
BE UNDERTAKEN AS A PART OF THE UNESCO PROGRAM. CONSE-
QUENTLY, WHILE WE ARE INTERESTED TO LEARN OF SOVIET
PROPOSALS FOR A BILATERAL PROJECT, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
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MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE TBILISI CONFERENCE.
WITH BEST WISHES, DAVID H. STROTHER, ACTING EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY." CHRISTOPHER

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